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VESTABURG ITEMS

By Our Own Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. John Horton, who remained in Alma during the entire time their son, Forest, was in the hospital and who were at his bedside almost continually until he breathed his last, returned home after he passed away Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Evans and many others from here attended the Grand Rapids fair.

The following is the schedule of trains arriving in Vestaburg which took effect Monday, September 25th: Going West, 8:29 a. m.; going East, 9:44 a. m.; going West, 7:58 p. m., and going East 8:30 p. m. Sunday morning trains have been taken off but the Sunday evening trains arrive here same as week day trains.

Richard Emory is the name of the eight pound boy who arrived Thursday, September 21st, to make his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Howard and sisters, Phyllis and Elsie.

Funeral services for the three weeks old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartman of Alma were held at the Church of Christ, Thursday, September 21st at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. John T. Bridwell of Mt. Pleasant officiating. Interment in the Vestaburg cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman who were former Vestaburg residents, have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends.

Rufus and Ed. Penrod were the losers of twelve loads of hay and about twenty bushels of beans which they had recently put in their barn on their farm at Twin Lakes, when said barn and contents were totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, September 24th. Abe Snyder and family who are living in the house on the said Penrod Bros. farm say that the roof of the barn was about to fall in when they arrived home as they had been away. Origin of fire is unknown as yet but it was thought by some who attended the fire that a passer by caused the loss by carelessly throwing down a lighted match or cigar, which ignited the grass by the side of the road and spread to the barn.

The Vestaburg school was closed Thursday forenoon, September 21st, out of respect for their beloved former student and schoolmate, Forest Horton. The teachers in charge of the students and pupils marched to the Church of Christ in a body wearing the high schools colors, orange and black. Frank Murphy under whom Forest graduated in the spring was granted permission to close his school Thursday forenoon so as to attend the funeral as was also Mrs. Quez Fisher, who teaches at the Ferris Center school. Mrs. Jessie Gorsuch was given permission to close the Oak Grove school.

Archie and Chas. Hiller spent over Sunday in Edmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wing, who have been guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Evans, returned to Battle Creek, Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Cummings has returned home.

Bird Howay came Saturday evening to visit relatives.

Howard Patcher, a former resident of Vestaburg, has been employed in the Hotel Seminole, at Mesick, Mich., and is pleased with his position. His friends are pleased to hear that he is doing well.

Fred Reader and family accompanied by Mrs. Alice Caris autored to Grand Rapids, Friday, to attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of Alma were over Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Snook.

Mrs. Ed Cramer and children of Hemlock came Thursday to attend the funeral of Forest Horton and visited Mesdames E. Hubbard and M. Walker returning to their home, Friday.

Mrs. Gormley, who came from Ohio Wednesday to attend the funeral of her grandson, remained to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. John Horton.

Mrs. Eva Beach went to St. Louis, Thursday to visit Mrs. Onstead.

John Beruins autored to Grand Rapids Thursday to attend the fair.

Harry Sutton, who has been visiting his brother, Casper Sutton, returned to his home in Blanchard, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caris and son, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ellen Nevills and was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Doris Amel and son, who left for their home in Chicago, Monday morning.

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Mrs. W. J. Ross of Wacousta, who has been visiting her sisters, Miss Dora Perkins and Mrs. V. D. Incon, also father, Lewis Perkins, left Monday for McBride to visit relatives.

Mrs. Baker of Winn, who has been visiting her son, Archie Parmely, went to Lansing, Monday, to visit her son, Elmer.

Miss Gladys Harris returned to Six Lakes, Monday evening.

Miss Dora Perkins went to Big Rapids, Monday evening.

Clayton Horton of Long Rapids, Michigan, who came Wednesday evening to attend his cousin, Forest Horton's funeral, expects to remain a month to assist John Horton in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cornell autored to Six Lakes, Sunday, and was accompanied home by their daughter, Miss Loreene, also her friend Miss Gladys Harris whom she went to visit Saturday.

Mrs. Reed of Tecumseh, who came Wednesday evening to attend the funeral of her nephew, returned home Monday morning after visiting her brother, John Horton and family.

Earl Miller and family autored to Grand Rapids, Thursday, to attend the fair.

ELM HALL

Mrs. Doris Amel was a Thursday guest of Mrs. Wm. Caris.

The lecture at the Brethren church Sunday evening was largely attended.

The exercises which were to have been held in the grammar room last Wednesday, were postponed until Wednesday, September 27th, on account of the death of Forest Horton.

Clyde and Clair Gormley of Metamora, Ohio, and Mrs. P. D. Woodring and son of Delta, Ohio, who came Wednesday to the home of their sister, Mrs. John Horton, to attend the funeral of their nephew, Forest Horton, returned to their home, Saturday.

Mrs. Hammond of Crystal Lake spent a part of Wednesday and Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stratton.

Mrs. Lillian Minor of Edmore and Mrs. Clara Conkright of Saginaw were Thursday guests of Mrs. George Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Skidmore are home from Detroit on account of the illness of their son, Guy.

We wish to thank all the friends who were so very kind in offering sympathy and assistance in every way for nice conveyances to trains, church and cemetery and for the many floral offerings from Metamora, Alma and home friends. We feel that they were friends of Forest's and kind to us in our deep grief over the loss of our son and brother. John Horton, wife and son, Harry.

Guy Skidmore was unloading beams in his barn Wednesday and about 2:00 o'clock when he was standing on the edge of the mow and pulling on the rope to trip the slings, the rope broke, letting him fall. He struck his head on the hay rack and was unconscious three days. At this writing is doing nicely, being able to be out of doors.

Rev. Bridwell, wife and daughter of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guild.

Chas. Stauffer, Harold White and Harry Brown, who are attending the Alma high school and Leo Beach, who is attending the County Normal at Stanton, came home to assist Clark Sharp and Mark White as pallbearers for their classmate, Forest Horton.

Forest Ryerson Horton, older son of John and Lorah Horton, was born September 6th, in Metamora, Ohio. Four days after an operation for appendicitis he died early Tuesday morning, September 19th, 1916 in the Brainerd hospital at Alma, aged 18 years, and twelve days. He was baptised in the Methodist Episcopal church in infancy. Being a healthy child both mentally and physically, he advanced rapidly in his studies. He was a lover and rather a student of nature. During the last eight years his home was in Vestaburg and he graduated from the eleventh grade of the Vestaburg high school in the spring of 1915, under Supt. Frank Murphy. With several of his class he reviewed in the home school last year and on September 5th of this year he entered the twelfth grade of the Alma high school. Supt. Schultz writes that although he was with them only one week the faculty recognized in him earnestness of purpose, high ideals and a noble character. He was a member of the Christian Endeavor society and until he left for school he held the office of treasurer. To his family and friends who encouraged his aspirations toward a broad and useful life, the shock of his death was a terrible bereavement. Yet they feel that because his life was beautiful and a great blessing in his home, that their suffering and loss has not been in vain and they have more to look forward to in another and better world. After a short service at the house the funeral occurred in the Deciple church at 10:00 a. m., Thursday, September 21st. Rev. J. T. Bridwell of Mt. Pleasant, who had known him for several years, preached a very consoling sermon. The text being taken from the 11th chapter of St. John. Rev. Bridwell spoke of the influence of such a life and mentioned Longfellow's "The Arrow and the Song," which Forest had closed his oration with: "Long, long afterward in an oak, They found the arrow still unbroken. And the song from beginning to end. They found the song in the heart of a friend." A male quartet consisting of Geo. Gorsuch, Rev. Bridwell, Dr. Hubbard and Charles Nickerson furnished music. Mrs. M. Guild and Mrs. Quez Fisher assisted at the organ. Interment in the Vestaburg cemetery.

TOWN LINE

Mrs. Dell Wright went to Detroit the first of the week to visit her son and daughter and their families.

J. Ferris has gone to Flint to work. Alt. Wiley is the owner of a fine new auto.

Claud Church and family were at Hemlock on Sunday.

Mrs. Grant Wood of Alma spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Oman, who is sick.

Lyle Nelson and family visited with James Jones and family in Durand and St. Johns, last week.

Barney Snyder and family spent Sunday with Al Hanchett in Arcadia.

Mrs. Harry Way of Booe spent Sunday with Wm. Way and family.

Mrs. E. Church returned home from Pontiac on Thursday.

John Sullivan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rockwell and two sons, Jack and Allen of Alma, spent Sunday with Mrs. John Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Nelson attended the wedding of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Bird, to Henry Bliss at the home of her grandson, Alie Stanton in Lansing. The bride is very popular among her numerous friends in this vicinity and in Lansing, and the groom is one of the most highly respected farmers of St. Johns. They will make their home on his farm. The couple's many friends extend congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

Claude Church made a business trip to Detroit on Thursday.

Edna Owen of near Middleton visited her sister, Mrs. Edgar Ferris, this last week.

A few friends from Alma came to the home of Mrs. John Snyder this last week to help her to remember that she had and reared another milestone in life. Dinner was served and a royal good time reported.

ELM HALL

John Bollinger has moved into Mrs. Follick's house. He will work Mr. M. N. Smith's farm the coming year.

Mrs. Jennie Blair is spending a short time with her sister, Mrs. Flora Stevens of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. C. A. Pratt is visiting in Me costa.

Mrs. Edna Powers and children returned to her home at Custer Wednesday, after spending five weeks with her parents, Seneca Sly and wife.

Mrs. Bert Traverse of Big Rapids returned home Saturday after spending a week helping care for her father, Mr. John Schaffer who is quite feeble.

Mr. and Mrs. Figg and son, Clifford of near Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith, Saturday afternoon.

Erle Anger of Shepherd and Carrie Bartley of Elwell spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Alice Butcher.

Goldie Pratt of Meosta is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Comer.

Fred Elliott and family of Alma spent over Sunday with his parents, C. A. Elliott and wife.

Mrs. Butcher entertained her friend Mrs. Button of Alma over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Smith returned home Saturday night after spending a week in Saginaw and Detroit.

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AT ALMA, MICHIGAN.

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, viz.,		
Commercial Department	\$196,806.01	
Savings Department	88,740.91	\$285,546.92
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz.,		
Savings Department	251,686.12	251,686.12
Overdrafts	3,150.21	
Banking House	24,775.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	5,016.68	
Other Real Estate	5,108.73	
Items in Transit	50,457.75	

RESERVE

Commercial:		
Due from banks in reserve cities	11,004.69	
Exchanges for clearing house	7.80	
U. S. and Nat'l bank currency	3,918.00	
Gold coin	1,585.00	
Silver coin	4,787.75	
Nickels and cents	138.29	
	\$ 21,441.53	
Savings:		
Due from banks in reserve cities	97,552.36	
U. S. and Nat'l bank currency	12,000.00	
Gold coin	10,500.00	
Silver Coin		
Nickels and cents		
	\$120,052.36	\$141,493.89

Checks and other cash items	15.05	
Total		\$767,250.35

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00	
Surplus fund	30,000.00	
Undivided profits, net	5,340.86	
Com'l deposits subject to check	\$188,920.00	
Commercial certificates of deposit	32,466.10	
Certified checks	44.00	
Savings deposits (book accounts)	103,549.06	
Savings certificates of deposit	356,929.43	681,909.49
Total		\$767,250.35

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF GRATIOT—ss.

I, Carl H. Washburn, Cashier of above named bank, do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of September, 1916.

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